La Peña Cultural Center
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La Peña Cultural Center

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(press *2 for staff directory)
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FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
Wed. - Sat., 1 - 6pm
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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Wed. & Thu. 10am - 2pm & 5:30pm - 9:30pm
Fri., Sat. & Sun. 10am - 10:30pm
Phone/fax (510) 841-3800

Two-Month Calendar
See back for December

La Peña

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Hecho en Califas
REBELDIA WITH A CAUSE Festival!

Music • Spoken Word • Theater • Poetry y otras sorpresitas! • November 10 - 18

* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that La Peña discount cards are not valid. Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible. La Peña is a member of the Latino Arts Network of California and the National Performance Network (NPN).

La Peña Calendar of Events • November 2007
(DECEMBER 07 ON THE BACK)

THURSDAY

1 BENEFIT FILM SCREENING

(A Little Bit of So Much Truth)
Un Poquito de Tanta Verdad
Stunning new release by Jill Freidberg of Corrugated films. When the people of Oaxaca, Mexico had enough of bad government they didn't take their story to the media they TOOK the media. MITF (Task Force on the Americas)
7pm $15-$20 sliding scale*

FRIDAY

2 BENEFIT

Fiesta de los Muertos
A fundraiser for the **Dolores Huerta Foundation.** Please join *Dolores Huerta* and friends for an evening of music, dancing and celebration of La Causa!
8pm $35*
(Costumes encouraged!)

SATURDAY

3 BETSY ROSE 10:30AM

Highlighting the importance of women in Latin American music, song & dance.
Nosotras
Come and celebrate with this extraordinary gathering: Lichi Fuentes, Rosa Los Santos, Fernanda Bustamante, Gabriela Shiroma, Kelly Takunda Orphan, Jo Bauen, Marina La Valle, Ana Nitmar, and dancers from De Rompe y Raja, Kanchis & Araucaria.
8pm $13 adv. $15 dr.

SUNDAY

4 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM

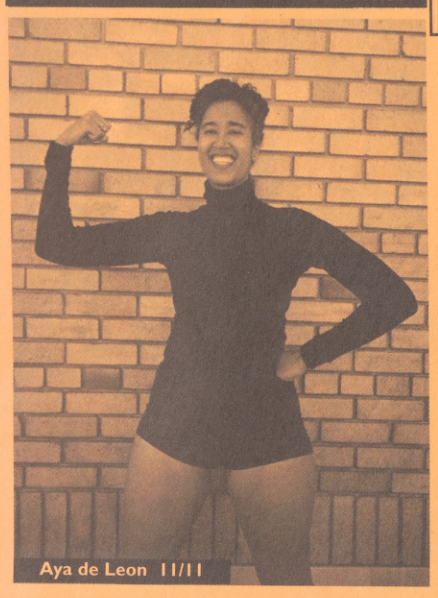
Adv. Ticket Information
Advance sale tickets are available for a **select** number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online via our web-site, www.lapena.org.
Advance tickets do not guarantee a seat.
People with special needs should call
(510) 849-2568 ext. 20

Upground 11/10

La Muñeca y los Muertos 11/10

Dolores Huerta 11/2

Xile & Xocolat: Meklit & MamaCoatl 11/30


Aya de Leon 11/11

11 BENEFIT EVENT

Grown-ass-woman
Aya de Leon's
40th Birthday Party!!!
Celebrate one of La Peña's own local artists!! A fundraiser for Aya's graduate school tuition. Music, snacks, food vendors, & hanging out. Poetry + toasts & appreciations at 6 & 9pm for Aya's 25 years of activism & community service. *Grown-ass-woman* is an African-American colloquialism for a woman who knows what she is about.
3:30pm $15-1500 sliding scale*

18 CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

Hecho en Califas
Acknowledging the Legacy
Thangs Taken Rethinking Thanksgiving
Bringing artists, activists, & communities together to explore the complex history of *Thanksgiving* & to acknowledge the legacy of US colonialism & genocide against Native Americans.
7pm $10-$25 sliding scale

25 HOLIDAY CRAFTS FAIR

13th Annual Womym of Color Arts & Crafts Fair & Show
Featuring paintings, clay sculptures, textile, jewelry, wearable art and more.
10:30am - 4:30pm FREE

FOR FALL CLASS SCHEDULES VISIT WWW.LAPENA.ORG

WEDNESDAY

7 COMEDY

Crossing the Line:
Multiracial Comedians
show and documentary preview fundraiser.
Mike Moto, Tessie Chua, Samantha Chanse, Yayne Abeba, Lilibeth Helsen, & Darby Li Po Price.
7:30pm $10 adv. $12 dr.

14 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY KIRA ALLEN 7:30PM

Check www.lapena.org For UP-TO-THE-MINUTE programming

LA PEÑA FOR RENT
Plan your private party, birthday, wedding, etc. with us! Call (510) 849-2568 ext. 11 or 17

21 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30PM

28 BAY AREA PREMIERE FILM

Young, Jewish and Left
A fresh look at race, spirituality, queerness, resistance, justice and liberation, the film weaves queer culture, Jewish Arab history, secular Yiddishkei, anti-racist analysis, and religious/spiritual traditions into a multi-layered tapestry of leftist politics. Discussion to follow.
7:30pm $5-$10 sliding scale*

8 INT. LATINO FILM FEST

La ciudad de los fotógrafos
The City of Photographers. (Dir. Sebastián Moreno. Q & A w/dir. after film. Chile, 80 min., '06). While Pinochet's army had guns, the photographers had an equally dangerous weapon, their cameras. **6pm**
Fuga
Fugue. Dir. Pablo Larraín. Argentina/Chile, 110 min., '06. A musician trapped in an unfinished opus, witnessed the rape & murder of his sister. **8:15pm**
$8 gen. $6 (Students, Seniors, Disabled)

9 INT. LATINO FILM FEST

Musica do Brasil
Fabricando Tom Zé
Fabricating Tom Zé. Dir. Décio Matos Jr. Brazil, 90 min., '06. On-the-road docum. bursting w/rhythmic energy about one of Brazilian music's unsung pioneers. **6pm**
Vinicius
Dir. Miguel Faria Jr. Brazil/Spain, 120 min., '06 For Brazilian music lovers: an outstanding portrait of the legendary musician, poet, & diplomat, *Vinicius de Moraes*, 1913-1980. **8pm**
$8 gen. $6 (Students, Seniors, Disabled)

10 INGRID & MICHAEL 10:30AM

Hecho en Califas
LATIN GROOVE COCKTAIL
Upground
A young vibrant East L.A. band that has developed a huge following throughout the Southwest in its four short years of *vida.*
La Muñeca y Los Muertos
A tasty alternative music cocktail. Guitarist *Muñeca Osorio* leads the groove for an energetic show of *ritmos latinos.*
9pm $10 adv. $12 dr.

15 Hecho en Califas

Teatro in a bottle, a tube and a small packet
Amor Cubano
Written & performed by Maceo Cabrera. Directed by Eric Aviles. Imagine the ability to be great in bed and make the world a better place at the same time! It's true. In this bilingual comedy you will meet Barbarita Perales, Fidel, white American girls that think they are Cuban, Miami Cubans, Cuban Cubans, and many users of *Amor Cubano* in a bottle, a tube & a small packet.
8pm $10 adv. $12 dr.

16 Hecho en Califas

History? Our Stories!
Yosimar Reyes
A San Jose poet who maintains strong cultural roots, and uses both English & Spanish to express his poetry.
He(R)evolution
Written & performed by ***Julia Grob.*** A young woman, raised by her Jewish-American mother, searches to understand her identity, roots to Chile, and the relationship with her Chilean father.
8pm $10 adv. $12 dr.

17 MELISSA RIVERA 10:30AM

Hecho en Califas
Canción, Arte & Acción/Song, Art & Action
ART + ACTIVISM = ARTIVISM
Roundtable **2pm - FREE**

Hip Hop del barrio: from the Bay to El Bronx
Mamaz (Bay Area)
Rebel Diaz (NY's Bronx)
The Getback Crew
(Bay Area)
9pm $10 adv. $12 dr.

22 LA PEÑA & CAFE CLOSED

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"This is how we build community, through arts...that is why La Peña's existence is so important"

Gabriela Shiroma, De Rompe y Raja Peruvian Ensemble
organizer of Fundraiser for victims of earthquake in Peru, raised $3,000 at event at La Peña in September 2007.

Support La Peña's Year End Fund Raising Drive!

24 2-DAYS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday & Sunday
13th Annual Womym of Color Arts & Crafts Fair & Show
The show features women of color artists and craftswomen exhibitors selling their original, handcrafted works.
10:30am - 4:30pm FREE

29 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

PRIVATE EVENT IN THE THEATER

Special Thanks to:
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

30 Xile & Xocolat

Meklit Hadero
With her gorgeous wispering melody, Ethiopian-born Meklit sings her own compositions about justice for her people & the all-encompassing power of love.
MamaCoatl
With *boleros*, blues, *funk ranchero*, passion & spice, Mexican-born MamaCoatl travels from border to border, crumbling walls and redesigning paradigms.
8:30pm $15

Saturday, December 1
Beyond Walls, Beyond Wars: the Arab Cultural Initiative continues:
La Peña Community Chorus
and **Saed Muhssin's**
Arab Orchestra of San Francisco

ATTENTION STUDENTS

Want to do your part for Cultural Activism for Social Justice? Become a La Peña **volunteer** or **intern** today! Internships for school credit can also be arranged.
Call Mariola at (510) 849-2568 ext.13 or email mariola@lapena.org

Help Support La Peña with eScrip
EScrip is a hassle-free way for La Peña to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Hundreds of merchants contribute a percentage to La Peña when you shop. Call Nadine at (510) 849-2568 ext. 12 to learn more.

Los Amiguitos de La Peña

Children's Program. Sat. 10:30am.
Adults $5, Children $4

Sat., Nov. 3:
Concert with **Betsy Rose.**
Songs to celebrate the fall season.

Sat., Nov. 10:
Ingrid Noyes & Michael Harmon.
Old time music featuring banjo & guitar.

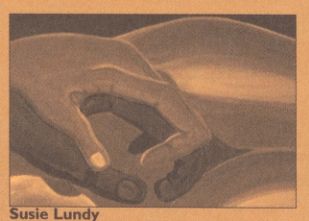
Sat., Nov. 17:
Melissa Rivera w/the students of *La Casita Bilingue Montessori* in Pinole.
Children songs, guitar & ukelele.

NOTE: Remember to turn your TV off, get your coffee early & bring your kids to experience & participate in our lively Saturday morning shows.

EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS
November - December 2007

November 2 - December 31. Cafe & Lobby: Women's Show Featuring Bay Area Artists including: **Laila Espinoza, Margo Rivera-Weiss, Monica Marini, Cecilia Garcia, Adrienne Miller, Deborah Muse & Latisha Baker.**

November 2 - November 30. Theater: **Blueprint**: work by Oakland artist **Susie Lundy.** Mixed media: photographs, paintings and drawings acrylic on canvas and wood. "A collection of work documenting my life story."


Susie Lundy

Karen Grandmother and child . Karen people are political refugees in Northern Thailand. ***Photo by Adrienne Miller***

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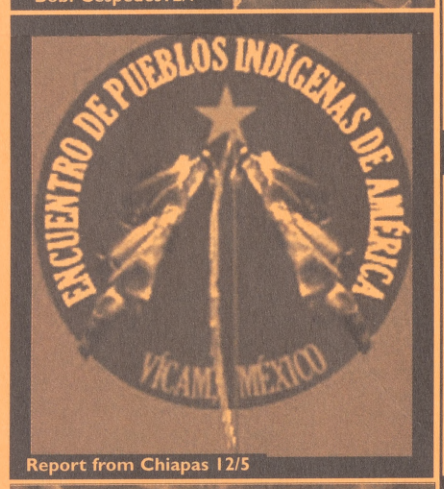
SEE NOVEMBER 07 ON THE BACK

Khalil for President! 12/13

Bobi Cespedes12/7



Report from Chiapas 12/5

¿Le ha llegado una carta?

You will get a letter from us very soon!

Support La Peña's Year End Fund Drive!

La Peña counts on your year end donation to ensure that the center continues operating in 2008. Please open that letter and make a year end donation.

2007 • MONDAY DECEMBER 31 • 2008

JESUS DIAZ'S NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA

9:30pm $25 adv. $27 dr.
Special menu at Café Valparaíso
Dinner reservations @ 510-841-3800

SATURDAY

1 COLIBRI 10:30AM

Cultural Exchange Par Excellence: Join us in a concert and CD release party

La Peña Community Chorus
and **Saed Muhssin's**
Arab Orchestra of San Francisco

Celebrate ***Beyond Walls, Beyond Wars: the Arab Cultural Initiative*** and LP Chorus' brand new CD.

8pm $15 adv. $18

SUNDAY

2 RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM

CONCERT
The Troublemakers Union

An original, traditional, experimental, radical, beautiful, political, poetical, spiritual, material, and very musical ensemble, the *Troublemakers Union* presents "international music for human rights."

7pm $10*

9 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

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WEDNESDAY

5 MULTIMEDIA BENEFIT

Report from Chiapas

and the Indigenous Encuentro Music, Video, Speakers

7:30pm $7-$10 *
Sliding Scale Donation Requested
For more info: Chiapas Support Committee (510) 654-9587

12 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY KIRA ALLEN 7:30PM

CLASS RECITAL
A year end recital from La Peña's
Latin Jazz Orchestra
Directed by **Josh Jones**

Enjoy Latin Jazz and salsa with this large ensemble!

7:30pm $8
For more info on the Latin Jazz Orchestra and other La Peña classes please visit www.lapena.org

19 LA PEÑA & CAFE CLOSED

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THURSDAY

6 DANCING

Mucho Axé

plays Latin world grooves, an intense blend of Salsa, Reggae, Brazilian and South American Rhythms. With mostly original songs and based in the San Francisco Bay Area this band brings culture and sounds all the way from Argentina. Great Music to dance and to satisfy the most curious listeners.

8pm
$10 gen. $8 (students & seniors)

13 PREZ IN THE FEZ

Will America elect its first ever Muslim president in 2008? Award-winning cartoonist, broadcaster and social critic

Khalil Bendib

discovers electoral politics and throws his fez in the ring: Stump speech, slide presentation and book signing.

7:30pm $5-$10 sliding scale
(Khalil 's latest publication will be available for purchase)

20 LA PEÑA & CAFE CLOSED

27 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

FRIDAY

7 CONCERT/BOOK PARTY

Bobi Cespedes Grupo Bayano

An evening of Afro-Cuban & Puerto Rican music & dance celebrating a new book *"Soy Bilingüe, Adult Dual Language Model for Early Childhood & Elementary Teacher Education"* written by Gladys "Bobi" Céspedes, Ronald Rosario, Roman Carrillo, Sharon Cronin & others. Book party/remarks on book: **7pm.** Music: **8:30pm**
$15 gen. $10 (Senior & Children)

14 LLEGO LA PARRANDA!

Dance to the exhilarating rhythms of *gaita, tamborera, parranda, tambores de la costa, calypsos* and more...

The Venezuelan Music Project

Come with your family and friends and join the *VMP*, directed by ***Jackeline Rago*** *and* bring your dancing shoes. to celebrate *La Navidad* in a Venezuelan style!

8pm $13 adv. $15 dr

21 LA PEÑA & CAFE CLOSED

La Peña's Theater will be closed these days. La Peña will have limited office hours.

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS!

Alameda County Arts Commission, Berkeley Civic Arts Commission, California Arts Council, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, East Bay Community Foundation, Fleishhacker Foundation, Ford Foundation, Gerbode Foundation, National Performance Network, The James Irvine Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, Nonprofit Finance Fund, San Francisco Foundation, Walter and Elise Haas Fund, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, Vanguard Foundation, Zellerbach Family Fund
and to our many generous individual donors.

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GIVING CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

There are MANY ways you can support La Peña Cultural Center:

• Donate money: No amount is too small or too great. • Donate through your employer
• Become a monthly sustainer • Join Escrip.com and support La Peña while you shop
• Become a member for only $35 a year.
• Put La Peña in your will • Become a Table Host at our annual Friendraiser in March 2008.

Go to www.lapena.org and donate securely. Go to escrip.com and join.
Call 510 849-2568 ext 12 for other ways to donate or to be a table host.

8 GARY LAPOW 10:30AM

Local female bomba collective

Bomberas de la Bahia

performing Afro-Puerto Rican bomba. Special Guest performances in an evening of Afro diaspora.

8pm $10 gen. $8 students

15 BONNIE LOCKHART 10:30AM

Release party for "Drummers Speak" the debut CD from

Brian Andres & the Afro-Cuban Jazz Cartel

With stellar percussionists ***Carlos Caro & Patricio Angulo***, bassist ***Saul Sierra*** & pianist ***Christian Tumalan***. Original arrangements of classic Jazz and Latin tunes composed solely by drummers. An evening of Bay Area Latin Jazz at its finest.

9pm $10 adv. $12 dr.

22 LA PEÑA & CAFE CLOSED

KIDS PROGRAMS ON BREAK UNTIL JANUARY 2008

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29 DANCE/BAILE

Otro Mundo

A 10 piece band playing salsa, cumbias, and merengues. The band features vocals, tight rhythms and a horn section.

9:30pm $12

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The Afro-Cuban Jazz Cartel 12/15

Otro Mundo 12/29

Mucho Axé 12/6

L@s Amiguit@s de La Peña

La Peña' s Little Friends series

Every Saturday morning, remember to turn your TV off, get your coffee early and bring your kids to experience and participate in our lively & educational programs. 10:30am.
$5 adults, $4 kids, $12 family pass.

Sat, Dec. 1: **Colibri.** Lichi, Alisa, and a bunch of great songs for everybody.

Sat, Dec. 8: **Gary Lapow.** Join the "Father of Bay Area's Children's Music" in a joyful, laugh-along, move-along, sing-along concert. "Gary's Kid's stuff is great! You're in for a good time" *Whoopi Goldberg*

Sat, Dec. 15: **Bonnie Lockhart** presents *Peace, Light, & Chocolate.* Share the Pleasures of the Winter Holiday Season with Sing-Along Songs from any Traditions

La Peña in partnership with the Arab Cultural & Community Ctr. launches

Beyond Walls, Beyond Wars: Arab Cultural Initiative

featuring Arab artists throughout 2007. Supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UCB.

See December 1 and 13

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Beautiful Palestinian Hand-Crafted Gifts on Sale

Sat., Dec. 8th. Noon-6PM at St John's Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley

Buy something quite special and make a humanitarian contribution at the same time. The economic role of these craft producers has become crucial. Many women have become main breadwinners of their families. This sale is a benefit for those crafts people who have done the work: soap, olive wood, olive oil, scarves, jewelry, books, and more. Thank you from the women of **Joining Hands, Middle East Children's Alliance,** and **Bridges to the East.**

Making a Difference through the Arts!

Yes, I want to Support La Peña's 33rd year of making a difference through the arts!

La Peña is a 501c non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

- **$500** *Padrino/Madrina* – receive an **Annual Pass,** which gets you free admission to **all La Peña events**
- **$250** *Victor Jara* – receive **4 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
- **$100** *Paul Robeson* – receive **2 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
- **$50** *Malvina Reynolds* – receive **1 Free Ticket to any La Peña event**
- **$35** *Compañero/Compañera* – You invest in La Peña and receive the **calendar**, newsletter, and mailings (only $3 per month)
- **$25** *Activista* – Student, fixed income, low income membership with **calendar**, newsletter, and mailings (only $2 per month)

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